

MINUTES

City of Carrollton Mayor and Council Meeting

December 1, 2008

6:00 p.m.

**Public Safety Complex, Court/Council Chambers, 115 West Center Street,
Carrollton, Georgia**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor and City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in the Public Safety Annex Building, 115 West Center Street, Carrollton, Georgia. Mayor Garner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present: Mayor Wayne Garner, Councilmember Peter Balega, Councilmember Gerald Byrd, Councilmember Rusty Gray and Councilmember Mandy Maierhofer. At this time, Mayor Garner explained the meeting procedures to meeting attendees.

II. INVOCATION

Councilmember Byrd offered the invocation.

Mayor Garner requested everyone to keep former Mayor Tracy Stallings' family in their thoughts and prayers. Mayor Garner noted that at the appropriate time Mr. Stallings would be memorialized for his years of service to the community.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Gwen Chesnut inquired about the Historic Depot's status on behalf of the Historical Society. City Manager Coleman advised it was on hold due to economic conditions and hoped to review the situation again at the first of the year 2009.

IV. MINUTES (October 6, 2008)

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Gray to approve the Minutes of the October 6, 2008 meeting of the Mayor and Council. Motion passed (5-0).

V. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Minutes Correction (March 3, 2008)

Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Gray to amend the March 3, 2008 minutes, Item 5 – Water Plant Modifications, to remove the existing motion as written and reflect the actual motion that passed unanimously made by Councilmember Balega and seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to award the bid to T.A. Milsap and proceed with the Water Plant Modifications. Motion passed (5-0).

2. Presentation

Mr. Stacy Williams, former Carrollton Police Officer presented to Police Chief Joel Richards and the Mayor and Council an American Flag that had been flown over Baghdad, Iraq in the City of Carrollton's honor. Mr. Williams has been working in Iraq since January 2008 for a company that trains the Iraqi police in law enforcement skills. Mayor Garner and others expressed their appreciation to Mr. Williams for his efforts in Iraq.

3. Carrollton Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department Award

Recreation Commission Chairwoman Ann Fletcher advised the Mayor and Council of the CPRCAD recent GRPA's 2008 State Agency Award for populations from 10,000 to 20,000. Chairwoman Fletcher expressed her appreciation to the Mayor and Council for the City's continued support to the CPRCAD.

Mayor Garner thanked Chairwoman Fletcher for the CPRCAD Board and staff's efforts in creating and maintaining exceptional leisure programs.

4. Presentation to Mayor and Council - Transit Feasibility Study

Planning and Zoning Administrator Charles Griffin presented to the Mayor and Council for their review a draft of the Transit Feasibility Study. The Transit Feasibility Study was funded by a grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation. PZA Griffin advised that the overall study comprises of two separate documents, the Existing Conditions Report and Implementation Program. At this time, PZA Griffin introduced Charles Burger, Senior Transportation Planner with URS. Mr. Burger shared information about how information was obtained for the study, meetings that were held for public input, potential routes and cost estimates for a transit system. Mr. Burger explained the fixed route and flexible bus route systems, citing that both routes included paratransit vehicles. Councilmembers Balega and Byrd inquired to the routes and cost associated with the projects. The fixed route cost implementation estimate is \$650,000 with the majority paid for by available federal grants. If a grant was given to the City, the City costs after five years for the fixed route would be just over \$100,000. The flexible route, which has timed stops at points around town and pickup/drop-off within three-quarters of a mile of the original route implementation estimate is \$140,000. If a grant was obtained, the City's cost after five years for the flexible route would be just under \$40,000. Mr. Burger stated the study was performed on rates at ninety cents (\$0.90); however, discounted rates could be offered to students and senior citizens utilizing the service. Dr. Balega inquired to the reason Tanner Medical Center and the University had discontinued their transit services and requested staff to investigate. Mayor Garner expressed appreciation to Mr. Burger for his presentation and stated that in the future the study would be the first step in determining the transit needs of our community.

5. Resolution 19-2008 – (Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Amendment)

City Manager Coleman presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration Resolution 19-2008 which relates to the payment of alcoholic beverage licensing fees. CM Coleman explained that if approved, the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance would be amended to include that all licenses issued shall be issued on a calendar year basis and all licenses shall expire at 12:00 midnight on December 31 of the year for which they are issued. In addition, when an application for a license is filed during the calendar year, the license fee shall be prorated on a calendar quarter basis and the applicant shall pay a license fee for the calendar quarter in which the application is filed and for any calendar quarters remaining in the calendar year.

Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to adopt Resolution 19-2008, Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Amendment to permit the proration of license fees. Motion passed (5-0).

6. Resolution 20-2008 – (Georgia Recreation Trails Grant) - "Greenbelt, Phase II"

Planning & Zoning Administrator Charles Griffin presented to the Mayor and Council for their consideration Resolution 20-2008 to authorize the Planning Department to submit a Georgia Trails and Greenways Grant to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$50,000. P&Z Griffin advised that if submitted and awarded, said grant amount would contribute to the overall development of the Carrollton Greenbelt, Phase II.

Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Gray to adopt Resolution 20-2008, Georgia Recreation Trails Grant, "Greenbelt, Phase II" authorizing Planning and Zoning Administrator Charles Griffin to submit a Georgia Trails and Greenways Grant to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$50,000. Motion passed (5-0).

7. Property Donation – (Southwire Tract)

Planning & Zoning Administrator Griffin presented the Mayor and Council with an Appraisal Report by Bass & Associates for a 1.6 acre tract of land known as the Southwire Tract. Planning & Zoning Administrator Griffin explained that the property is located east of the Carrollton Junior High buildings located along Ben Scott Blvd. and between the Bypass and Alison Circle subdivision. PZ&A Griffin advised that Southwire has agreed to donate the subject property as a link in the overall planning for the Carrollton Greenbelt Project if the Mayor and Council agrees to accept the property. The value of the Southwire Tract property is \$40,000.00.

Motion by Councilmember Gray, seconded by Councilmember Maierhofer to accept the donation of a 1.6 acre tract of land known as the Southwire Tract which will serve as a link in the overall planning for the Carrollton Greenbelt Project. Motion passed (5-0).

8. Appointment – Carrollton Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission (2)
Motion by Councilmember Maierhofer, seconded by Councilmember Gray to table the Carrollton Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Commission Appointments until the end of the meeting. Motion passed (5-0).

(Clerk's note: The tabled item was inadvertently overlooked and no motion was made to remove item from the table; therefore a motion will be in order for the next meeting to address said item.)

9. Appointment – Carrollton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau (1)
Motion by Councilmember Byrd, seconded by Councilmember Gray to appoint Ms. Laura Camp to the unexpired term of Ms. Patricia Brown on the Carrollton Area Convention & Visitors Bureau – term expires June 30, 2010. Motion passed (5-0).

VI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Byrd:

- Wished all citizens and employees a Merry Christmas.
- Acknowledged the family of the late Josh Mabry and expressed appreciation for his hard work on the Carrollton City School Board over the years.
- Inquired to the status of the proposed Spray & Splash Park which was discussed a while back. CM Coleman reported that he had requested CPRCAD Director Gay to solicit quotes for the park using passed through and recycled water and the quote received was approximately \$240,000. Councilmember Byrd inquired as to whether SPLOST funds were still in reserve for the project. CM Coleman advised that we do have the funds in reserve, but there are several outstanding projects going on and it will be the Mayor and Councils choice as to where the funding goes.
- Requested CM Coleman to continue efforts in having the Marvin Walker Parkway signs re-erected. Mayor Garner responded that CM Coleman and local representatives have worked diligently to have the item brought before the State Legislature in early 2009. Mayor Garner explained that the portion of the parkway is considered a state route by the Department of Transportation and it requires State Legislature approval to change or rename a parkway.

Councilmember Maierhofer:

- Expressed appreciation to staff for the new visual equipment in the Mayor and Council Room.

Councilmember Balega:

- Inquired to bids on the new parking deck (Tanner Street). CM Coleman replied that the City hopes to go to bid on the project soon and have a deck completed by July 2009. Mayor Garner noted that the County Commission had requested additional parking space and have added another floor. Mayor Garner also noted that the addition of another parking floor will be at the expense of the Carroll County Commission.

Councilmember Gray:

- Thanked City employees for the great job they do and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Garner

- Wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

VII. CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

VIII. ADJOURN

There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.